

A VERY BIG STORY

That the Vanderbilts Have Possession of the Santa Fe,

Which Rests On a Decidedly Weak Foundation.

WAGNER SLEEPERS

It is Said Are to be Put on the Line.

Col. McCook Strongly Denies the Whole Story.

SAN DIEGO, Caln, March 19.—An officer of the Wagner Palace Car company has been in this city several days and announces that the Wagner cars are about to be placed on the Santa Fe in place of Pullmans.

This road and its connections have used Pullman exclusively and no trouble of any kind having been reported, the information was considered to mean nothing less than that the Vanderbilts have secured a long term interest in the Santa Fe system.

This view of the matter being presented to the Wagner man, he admitted that the system at present terminating at this point is not an independent position, and that they will never be satisfied until they are in possession of a line into San Francisco.

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With the powerful aid of the Vanderbilts, an extension of the San Fe would be comparatively easy, and the fact may account in some measure for the independent and aggressive act of the Santa Fe during the present war.

NO TRUTH IN IT.

Col. McCook Says Wagner Will Not Be Put On.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Col. John McCook, one of the receivers of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe system, said to an Associated Press reporter today, there is no truth in the statement telegraphed from the west that Wagner cars were to be substituted for Pullman cars on the railway named.

GALESBURG'S KITE TRACK.

Williams, the Famous Horse Man, Declared to Leave There.

GAMESBURG, Ill., March 19.—After much delay and hard work the committee appointed three weeks ago to arrange for the location of C. W. Williams, the Independent horseman, in this city, has completed all the arrangements, and last night telegraphed an acceptance of his proposition.

This means that Galesburg will hereafter be one of the largest horse centers in the country. A farm of 150 acres has been purchased just at the edge of the city, and on that site will be constructed a first-class kite track. Arrangements will also be made for the holding of a big district fair this fall.

To bring Mr. Williams here will cost the city about \$40,000, but this has all been arranged for by the sale of lots.

CHICAGO'S SANDBAGGERS.

The Latest Victim Found Wandering the Streets With a Fractured Skull.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Early yesterday morning the police found Geo. Frankum, a homeless, wandering around the streets in the dead of night, and completely intoxicated. He was intoxicated, locked him up. Later it was ascertained that he was sandbagged and was suffering from a fractured skull.

He was removed to the hospital, and there his wife found him last night. She says she never saw him since. Frankum, whose condition is serious, is well known in Chicago. His brother is the director of the Australian exhibit at the Midwinter exposition at San Francisco.

PEACE AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

Troops Are to Start to Their Homes at Once.

DENVER, Colo., March 19.—About 11 o'clock this morning after a conference by telephone with Adjutant General T. J. Tarney, in charge of the state militia at Cripple Creek, Gov. White issued an order calling all the troops to their several homes.

Gen. Tarney advised the governor that after a careful canvass of the situation he was satisfied that the county authorities at Cripple Creek could cope with the situation and that the interference of the state military authorities was not needed.

STARTS UP WORK.

The Independence Mine Opened—The Mines Accept the Situation.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., March 19.—The Independence mine, one of the largest prospects here, started up work again this morning with a small force on a basis of nine hours for the day and eight for the night; the miners to receive \$3.25 per shift.

This offer was made the men the day they quit work several weeks ago and refused. It was renewed a few weeks ago and last night accepted by the miners union.

Everything is quiet here and about the camp this morning. The troops are lying in camp and the commanding officer says he does not expect to move them today.

THE JUDGE JENKINS ORDER.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Representative Butler of Louisiana is expected back Wednesday, at which time the plans of the special committee which is to investigate Judge Jenkins' strike injunctions, will be determined.

MISS BLAINE TO WED.

Engagement of Truxton Beale and James G. Blaine's Daughter Announced.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The announcement of the engagement of Miss Hattie Blaine, third daughter of the late James G. Blaine, and Mr. Truxton Beale, only son of the late General Edward Beale, caused quite a sensation in social circles at the capital today.

Mr. Beale returned last autumn from his mission as minister to Persia, and has since then been spending the time very quietly in settling up his father's estate and looking after his ranch in California.

It is understood that Mr. Beale will inherit a large fortune, and as he is but 24 years old is quite a desirable party from a material point of view. He is the brother of Mrs. J. R. McClean of Cincinnati, and of Mrs. Bakmetoff, whose husband is the Russian minister to Greece.

POSTPONED FOR A WEEK.

The Proposed O'Keefe-Lynch Prize Fight in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, March 19.—The O'Keefe-Lynch prize fight, which was to have been brought off yesterday, did not take place. The rain which fell in the morning soaked the ground so that it was doubtful if it would have been fit for the men to fight on, and as a good many were present from making arrangements to go for the same reason it was, at the last moment, decided to postpone the contest for one week.

While both men are in good condition, another week of work will not hurt either of them.

SEIGNIORAGE BILL.

Signed by Vice-President Stevenson and Sent to the President.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The vice president has signed the Bland seigniorage bill and it was sent to the president today.

Chairman Pearson of the house committee on enrolled bills, presented the Bland seigniorage bill to Private Secretary Thayer, who reported for it in the president's name this afternoon. The constitutional ten days limit within which it must be signed or vetoed if at all, will not begin to run until tomorrow, however, as fractions of days are not counted. Very speedy action on the part of the president is not expected, as the measure will be given very earnest and thorough consideration.

"BIG JIM" FINED \$20.

His Wife the Target for a Water Pitcher Last Night.

J. M. McHenry, better known as "Big Jim," the notorious gambler, was fined \$20 in the police court today for being drunk and disorderly.

"Big Jim" so called because of his height and width, was drunk last night. He went to the house where he and his wife board at 210 East Seventh street. It is said that "Jim" threw a pitcher at her head and nearly missed her. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$20. His wife was there to appear against him if necessary. She is a good looking young woman and she threatens to "quit" him.

SHOT AT THE VIRGIN MARY.

Palm Sunday Procession at Madrid Suffers a Bad Interruption.

MADRID, March 19.—A dispatch from Cordoba says that while the Palm Sunday procession was passing through the streets of that city yesterday, a young seaman named Vazquez quailed between the banners of the images of Christ and the Virgin, and fired shots from a revolver at each statue.

While firing the seaman shouted cheers for monarchy and then tried to escape. He was caught however, and was nearly lynched when rescued from the angry mob by the police.

POOR MAN'S PARTY.

It Comes to the Surface Again at Vandavia, Ill.

VANDALIA, Ill., March 19.—Farmers are organizing in parts of this Payette county, and are agitating and promulgating the principles of the Poor Man's party. There was an enthusiastic meeting held last Saturday in Bowling Green township.

SHREVEPORT, Ill., March 19.—The Poor Man's party held a convention Saturday afternoon and nominated the following township ticket: Supervisor, J. S. Barnum; assessor, Robt. Henry; collector, John Patterson; town clerk, Izzi Francisco.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT.

To Consider the Harrison Telephone and Other Matters.

A meeting of the city council will be held tonight, an adjourned session from last Monday night. The most important matter for consideration is the favorable report from the ways and means committee granting a franchise to the Harrison Telephone company. It is not probable in view of the careful consideration given it by the committee, there will be any objections raised except in minor details to the ordinance, which has been prepared.

The matter of opening Locust street from Fourth to Fifth streets will come up. The case is made more intricate by the fact that the larger part of the roadway proposed to be opened is just outside the city limits, the property of W. P. Douthett.

The matter of sewer No. 15 will also be discussed.

WON'T PAY THE BILL.

Of the Man Who Furnished Dressed Beef to the Soldiers' Home.

The pay roll of the Dodge City Soldiers' Home was received at the state auditor's office today, and vouchers were issued for everything on the roll except one item of \$68.88, drawn in favor of Joseph Weil, for beef, which was marked "does not belong."

Joe Compton, whose bill thanks extended to the auditor for their efficient services at his home, this morning. He says he never saw a fire as well controlled. He also thanks the neighbors who helped to save his household goods.

BLAST OF DEATH.

Frightful Wind Storm in Texas Coupled With Hail.

Over a Dozen People Are Reported Dead.

MIGHTY HAILSTONES.

Some of Them as Large as Goose Eggs.

Longview and Emory Are the Localities Visited.

LONGVIEW, Tex., March 19.—A cyclone swept over this place at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, accompanied by hail stones of immense size. The greatest fury was six miles east of here, where it struck the large country home of John Cain, lately occupied by a large family of negroes.

The house was in an ancient grove of oaks, twenty in number. Every one of them was uprooted and piled up in a terrible confusion with dead fowls, dogs and cows, and five dead negroes. Old man Alexander Lester was found fifty yards away, entirely nude and dead. His old wife Sarah, was pinned under a tree, mangled and dead.

Half a mile east of the house of a white man was completely demolished, but with the exception of a few painful bruises, all escaped.

The house of Sallie Jones, colored, was wrecked and her 4-year-old daughter was perhaps fatally injured by hailstones. A passenger train passed just as the cyclone swept by, narrowly escaping it.

All previous accounts of immense stones and wind dwindle into insignificance in comparison with this storm. Many of the blocks of ice were from 15 to 18 inches in weight and others were found at 10 o'clock Sunday morning after a warm rain and warm weather, larger than a goose egg. Two of these missiles passed through the roof of C. E. Thornton's residence, making a hole like a cannon ball, while fowls roosting in the trees were killed by the hundreds. A cow belonging to Frank Lawson was killed and stock bear many marks from these ice-stones.

ICE STORM AND CYCLONE.

Over a Dozen Dead and Dying Persons at Emory, Texas.

DALLAS, Tex., March 19.—The cyclone and ice storm which played such havoc near Longview early Sunday morning, struck the little town of Emory, thirty miles south of Green Hill, Texas, at 7 o'clock Saturday evening and actually demolished the western part of the place.

A relief train with doctors, reporters and medical stores was sent down from Greenville and on its arrival there found the inhabitants panic-stricken and nearly helpless. Over a dozen dead and dying people were lying on stretchers, and many others were more or less injured. The recognized dead are:

- MISS ESTHER WALKER.
- MISS ESTHER ALEXANDER.
- HENRY MURRAY, and a four-year-old child of Henry Murray.
- The unidentified bodies were found north of Emory and brought to town. About fifty persons are wounded, some of them quite seriously, but no names are yet reported. The storm came from the southwest, struck the ground just north of the railroad depot and swept the earth of everything in its track for about five miles in length and a hundred yards wide.

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

No Such Tempest Witnessed There in Years.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 19.—Rain in a perfect deluge fell all night, accompanied by a strong wind and driving sleet, which have interrupted telegraph wires throughout Texas and Louisiana. No such tempest has been witnessed in years.

PICTURES IN JACKSON PARK.

French Artists Complain Because They Haven't Received Their Paintings.

PARIS, March 19.—The Figaro prints a letter signed by several artists who exhibited pictures at the Centennial Exposition. They complain that their pictures have not been returned and express keen anxiety as to their safety as in case of a fire or inundation could be obtained.

They hint that certain French officials whose expenses are paid throughout their sojourn in the United States are prolonging their stay for the sake of the profits. The artists say that some of these officials are traveling the whole length and breadth of America.

BLOODSHED MAY ENSUE.

South Jersey and West Jersey Railroad Warring Over Right of Way.

WOODBINE, N. J., March 19.—Bloodshed may ensue today upon the effort of the South Jersey railroad to cross the right-of-way of the West Jersey railway near this place.

A construction gang of the first named corporation is laying track within a short distance of the disputed point, and a collision with the forces of the West Jersey, which in this affair is backed by the Pennsylvania may occur at any moment. Both the gangs are armed.

The South Jersey company, if it succeeds in constructing its road, will be the first competitor of the West Jersey company for the summer traffic to Cape May and Atlantic City.

FIGHT ON A COAL BARGE.

It Took Place at 3 O'clock This Morning Near Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 19.—On a coal barge lashed to a steamer anchored in mid-stream on the Ohio river about three miles below Cincinnati, two fierce encounters were fought, and the parties returned to the city shortly before 3 o'clock today.

The first was between Wiley Evans, a colored water weight of California, and Pepper Griffin, of Cincinnati. Griffin was really knocked out in the fourth round, but he stood up for the fifth in such a condition that his seconds threw up the sponge. The second fight was between Kid Ryan, of New Orleans, and Kid Thompson, of Kansas City.

Hyatt was knocked out in the eighth round, so thoroughly that it took him fifteen minutes to recover.

THE SUGAR TRUST A PET.

Another Favor Extended to It by the Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The Democratic members of the senate committee on finance have completed their work on the tariff bill and will submit changes which they have made from the bill as drafted by the sub-committee at a meeting of the full committee, to be held this afternoon.

The principal changes which they have made in the bill is in the sugar schedule, and that has been modified so as to take into account the color as well as the polarization of sugar. The change made will add one-eighth of a cent per pound on the color test, so as to hours to the refiner this much protection.

This is in accordance with the original intention of the committee, but it has been claimed that the bill as at first reported to the full committee would discriminate against the refiners.

It is understood that the bill will be amended so as to make positive declaration for the abrogation of the reciprocity treaties made under the McKinley act. This will be done simply to satisfy the sugar men. It is also probable that the clause in the bill abrogating the Hawaiian treaty will be struck out.

The amendment which provides for the present law regarding the tax on domestic cigars, will be the principal change made. The lead ore duty and whisky tax as well as the duty placed upon coal and iron ore, will remain as placed in the bill by the Democratic members.

The amendment inserted by the members of the committee providing for the repeal of the entire McKinley act will be modified to either specify what portions of that act shall remain in force, or to repeal the parts in conflict with the pending act.

TO HELP M'KINLEY.

The Proposed Plan to Lessen Southern Representatives in the Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., March 19.—A letter which will be read with general interest here, is that of C. W. M. Hahn, state superintendent of insurance, from Hon. J. H. Manley, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican national committee. The epistle reads thus:

"At a meeting of the Republican national committee held in Washington on June 25, 1892, Hon. C. W. M. Hahn, member of the national committee from West Virginia, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the call for the next national Republican convention be upon the following basis: Two delegates from each state as delegates at large, one delegate from each congressional district in the United States, and an additional delegate for each 7,000 Republican votes cast in any congressional district at the presidential election of 1892, and a delegate for each one hundred delegates from each territory and the District of Columbia.

"If the call should be based upon this resolution, the following states will have the same number of delegates as if the call was based upon the old representation of four delegates at large from each state, two from each congressional district: Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island. The following states would gain in representation as follows: California 7 delegates, Colorado 2, Connecticut 5, Illinois 12, Indiana 22, Iowa 10, Kansas 14, Kentucky 7, Maine 3, Maryland 3, Massachusetts 11, Michigan 2, Minnesota 9, Missouri 14, Nebraska 4, New Hampshire 2, New Jersey 10, New York 54, North Carolina 5, Ohio 34, Pennsylvania 33, South Dakota 2, Vermont 2, Virginia 6, West Virginia 6, Wisconsin 12.

"The following states would lose in representation as follows: Alabama 11 delegates, Arkansas 4, Florida 4, Georgia 13, Idaho 2, Louisiana 8, Mississippi 9, Nevada 3, Oregon 1, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 2, Texas 11, Wyoming 5.

"It would increase the number of delegates represented from 902 to 1,167, making a net increase of 265 delegates. The national committee before taking action on this matter are very desirous of knowing what the leading and influential members of the party think of the proposed change. Please examine the question and give us your opinion.

(Signed.)

Friend of Gov. McKinley here say the adoption of the plan would greatly strengthen his presidential chances, and accordingly Mr. Hahn will no doubt favor it.

SHOT A VICIOUS DOG.

Policeman Hear the Shot and Make an Arrest.

When C. J. Swank a Santa Fe shopman was going home late Saturday night a vicious dog that belongs to some person who resides not far from the corner of Kansas avenue and First street, ran out and began snapping and growling at his heels.

Swank pulled out a revolver and shot the dog.

Policemen Summers and Campbell were aroused by the report and rushed to the scene. Swank's explanation was considered doubtful and the officers had him locked up, and the charge entered against him of "discharging fire-arms inside the city limits."

When Swank told his story in the police court today Judge Ensminger ordered him released.

Complaints were made today against the owners of four vicious dogs and arrests will follow.

Mike Ross was arrested today charged with assault and battery. He rooms in Mrs. Link's house in North Topeka and last night he went out of doors and pounded a man who was trying to get in.

HE LURED HER ON.

The Silver Tongued Orator from Kentucky,

Flattered Miss Pollard With Sweet Phrases,

TO GRANT HIS WISHES.

Told Her She Had a Brilliant Future.

Judge Bradley Declares the Trial "No Show."

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Pressure for admission to the circuit court, where the Pollard-Breckinridge case is in progress was greater this morning than it has been at any time before in the expectation that Miss Pollard would return to the witness stand for the continuation of the cross-examination which was started last Friday. Crowds pressed against the railings at the door trying to pass them by main force, and being repelled with the greatest difficulty.

First among the important arrivals was the defendant, Col. Breckinridge, and soon afterwards came Miss Pollard, with out the black cloak which she had worn before. She was dressed in a black cloth gown.

Several questions were asked by Mr. Carls in direct examination as soon as the plaintiff had taken the stand, the first one as to whether she had ever been married, to which the answer was: "No, Mr. Carls."

"Who was the father of your first child?" was the next question to which she replied:

"Mr. Breckinridge."

Then in continuation, the plaintiff related in greater detail than she had before the attempt of the congressman to seduce her, avowing that he had told her that he would take her to the house of a dear friend whom he had known in Louisville, before he took her to the house of Mrs. Rose in Cincinnati. He had told her that she had a wonderful intellect, and a brilliant future, was before her and "I seemed to be completely under the influence of his wonderful powers of persuasion," she said.

The first night they had been together they had walked the streets of Cincinnati as they had done the next day after meeting in the public library. Col. Breckinridge had told her that he would oversee her education, that he would return the money advance for her schooling by Mr. Rhodes.

"He did not accomplish his purpose the first day in spite of his violent attempts, she continued, and it was only late the second day when she was in the house of a friend in Cincinnati."

Before taking her to the house of Sarah Guest, at Lexington, Col. Breckinridge had arranged that he should send a telegram to the school purporting to come from her mother, which he did.

"Did the sexual relations which you have testified to with Col. Breckinridge continue after the 29th of April, 1893?" inquired Mr. Carls, that being the date of the secret marriage to Mrs. Wing.

"They did up to and including the 17th day of May 1893, which was the last time I saw Col. Breckinridge," she said, and was about to make further explanations when the defendant's lawyers interposed objections.

After these passages the sparring between Mr. Butterworth and the young woman was resumed where it had been dropped for the day.

Many detailed questions concerning her early life, her studies, amusements, friends and ambitions were asked, to all of which she returned replies which could have given no comfort to her opponents. When it was asked whether she was a member of the church she explained that she had been confirmed in the Episcopal church.

"Are you a member now?" was asked.

"Once a member of the Episcopal church, always a member," came the epigrammatic reply.

Her early ambition had been to write, Miss Pollard declared, and Col. Breckinridge had told her that she had wonderful talent in that line. She had also desired to teach.

"Do you know the value of character for a teacher?" Mr. Butterworth asked.

"Most assuredly, I do. 'Never so much as today,' came the prompt reply. 'But this was all swept away by one set.'"

Further on she explained that she understood the requirements for good character in a woman were the same as in a man.

Several times Miss Pollard's lawyers reinstated with her that she must confine her answers to the questions put to her, as she manifested a disposition to overstep the limits in her eagerness to make her statements count against the other side. Her voice was somewhat lower than it had been when she was last before the court, the pallor of her face had increased, except when it had flushed, but her words were as carefully chosen as ever. There was some interesting sparring when Butterworth produced the high flown letter to the school girl "Wessie" Brown, daughter of the principal of the Wesleyan seminary, and used it as a basis of cross-examination.

The plaintiff said it had been over-drawn and was exaggerated in her pride at that time. It contained references to a blind lover for whom she had entertained the greatest affection, according to the allusions and also to Roselle.

"Were you engaged to him?" inquired Mr. Butterworth, referring to the latter individual.

"Not at that time," replied Miss Pollard.

There were other references to the latter person and to her idea that it was her duty to break him of his habit of "swilling fire water."

"Have you corrected all the errors in this letter?"

"Not all of them," she replied, and then lifting her veil began to wipe her

eyes with her handkerchief. The replies were delivered in a tearful voice and she seemed to be on the point of breaking down, as he went on to press her arguments for leaving her aunt in Pittsburg where a girl, the crying increased. She told Mr. Butterworth that she wanted to answer him satisfactorily, but he seemed "so exasperating."

It seems she had left this suit for family reasons, because another suit was pending to take issue on the purpose of the question was not made apparent. In the course of the inquiry about her early aspirations and her reading she said that the day she had met Col. Breckinridge at the seminary she had been reading "The Gates Ajar" by Elizabeth Stewart Phelps.

"I understand you to say that you had read no literature which could not be put in the hands of a modest girl?" the cross-examiner asked.

"One moment," interposed Mr. Wilson, proceeding to argue that this peculiar line of questioning had been pursued enough, so continuously and so repeatedly that it was becoming oppressive.

In his reply Mr. Butterworth said: "The plaintiff has put in her character here as the main point of issue. She has surrounded herself so far with an atmosphere of poverty and purity. He wanted to know whether she had read on the line of reading which would naturally suggest inquiry about certain lines of life which would make her good or bad, strengthen her to resist temptation, or induce a tendency to some promise with the approaches of evil."

"The answer is, 'No, sir,'" he concluded, "the plaintiff, the defendant, the public." It was not the line of questioning, but the repetition to it to which he objected, Mr. Wilson urged, and the court sustained him.

"Were you old enough to take care of yourself at that Wesleyan seminary?" was the next question asked.

"Yes sir," was the answer. But after it had been made, Mr. Wilson proceeded to object that it was not age or reading upon which stress was made, but that it depended upon "who approached with silver tongue."

This allusion to the well known subtitle of the Kentucky orator provoked an audible laugh, which caused Judge Bradley to rap on his desk with a sharp rattan. "I want the public to understand that this is not a show," he said. "I am sorry so many think it their duty to come here and see a show, but the administration of approval or sneering, I will order the room to be cleared."

The admission had its effect. There was much questioning as to whether she knew certain persons in Bridgeport, Ky., where she had stopped in 1892 and 1893. Some of the answers did not seem particularly smart, she recalled, among them Alex. Julian, the blind man, with whom the defense will endeavor to prove Miss Pollard retired at a country house after a mock marriage.

Then Miss Pollard proceeded to explain the circumstances of the visit to the Kentucky orator, which she said was a story of the mock marriage with Julian was told, declaring that to the best of her knowledge, nothing like a mock marriage had taken place. Her Uncle George, who is still living and with whom her mother lives was with her that day.

"Did Mr. Julian ever conduct himself toward you as a lover; did he ever attempt to seduce you?" was asked.

"No, indeed, he would not have dared to," came the dramatic reply, supplemented by the explanation that her uncle George was very strict with the girls and would not have permitted anything of the sort.

"How long did your friendship with Mr. Julian continue?"

"I thought Mr. Julian was still my friend. I did not know that he was not." "Did you know Owen Robinson?"

"Did you ever correspond with him?" "I may have written to him, I do not remember."

Several letters were handed to Miss Pollard with an inquiry as to whether she had written them. She said that she could best tell by reading them to see whether she recognized the expressions as those she was accustomed to use. After a long pause she handed back the first one, saying with a smile, "I did write that." Of the others she said she might have written them. One of them contained a lock of hair.

"A lock of hair?" inquired Mr. Carls, a quarter of an hour in reading these school